

# Nine Candidates in Race for Board of Education

Clinton B. Cooke



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Interest in all phases of school administration, with encouragement and support of continual improvements, are the platform of Clinton B. Cooke, incumbent school board member, seeking re-election.

He is general superintendent of the National Supply Company's fabrication department, and holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas.

The father of three children, Cooke, resides at 16216 S. Wilton pl. He was graduated from Gardena High School and attended the UCLA graduate school of Business Administration.

He is presently president of the South Bay School Trustees and Administrators Association.

"I am a graduate mechanical engineer, therefore I can appreciate the value of adequate academic preparation and motivation at the high school level, and to appreciate the importance of the study of science and mathematics."

"My present position . . . requires the ability to judge the effectiveness of many people products of the educational programs of other areas at other times," Cooke said.

Cooke said that a board member must be able to recognize professional quality and have confidence in the professional staff of teachers and administrators, and maintain harmonious relations within the board and all segments of the community.

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Carlton Mewborn



CHARLTON A. MEWBORN

Satisfaction with the present educational methods was expressed by Carlton A. Mewborn, one of two incumbents on the Board of Education.

Seeking a second, four-year term, the candidate, an attorney, said that Torrance teachers are of high caliber, and that he favors increased salaries, provided they are within the means of the district.

Mewborn, 44, of 5321 Reese Road, has four children, three of whom attend Torrance Schools. He holds a bachelors degree from the University of Michigan and law degree from SC. He has resided in Torrance since 1947.

"I feel we are moving ahead in all phases of curriculum, and I do not favor any radical or aggressive change. I recognize we are not perfect, and certainly we do not intend to ignore any proven changes which are suggested," Mewborn said.

He said he is not in favor of any scientific "crash" program.

"I look on the record of our school district with pride. We have achieved tremendous growth in every area and we are looked up to by every other new district as a leader. I have full confidence that the administration will continue to strive for further growth and greater achievement," he added.

### Church to Sponsor Rummage Sale

The P.I.A. of the Carson Full Gospel church, Dolores st. and Torrance blvd., will sponsor a rummage sale May 28 at the House of Rummage, 12 and Pacific in San Pedro.

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E. Ray Walker



E. RAY WALKER

Hiring of more experienced educators is advocated by E. Ray Walker, 36, an operator at Standard Oil Co., of 4907 Reese Road.

"We must stop experimenting with education methods and set definite goals for our students to reach for," he declared.

A South Bay area resident for 25 years, Walker graduated from Redondo Beach High School and attended El Camino and Harbor Junior College. He is a World War II Marine Corps veteran, and the father of two children of school age.

Walker emphasized that he is running as an individual candidate and does not endorse the ideas of others.

"I believe the school board should adopt a proven policy of teaching methods and set higher standards of education."

I will always be alert to prevent any attempts to introduce subversive material in our methods and text books," he said.

He also urged an acceptable moral code to be posted in classrooms to help as a guide in enforcing traditional discipline, and stands for stimulating teachers to take advance studies in their teaching subject.

### Realty President Resigns Office

Bob Haggard, Torrance-Lomita Realty Board president, has announced his resignation for personal reasons beyond his control.

Because of his resignations there have been a number of shifts in the positions of officers of the board as follows: Harry Bowker (Bowker Realty) is new president; Ken Miller (Ken Miller Realty), new vice president; Roy Shaw has been appointed to the board of directors, replacing Miller; Lee Dawson (Alter Realty) has been appointed to the station of CREA director, replacing Bowker who is automatically a CREA director as president.

Dr. Don Cortum



DR. DON CORTUM

Making his second bid for the Board of Education is Dr. Don Cortum, osteopathic physician and surgeon, who favors rigorous training in basic education.

The candidate, aged 35, has resided at 333 Calle de Andalucia for more than three years. He attended Compton public schools and received degrees from Compton College, and his doctor's degree from Los Angeles College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He is the father of two children.

Dr. Cortum favors fewer non-academic elective courses, continuation of the present building program, grading students on achievements, not on effort, based on national standards.

The candidate favors grouping of students on ability setting of minimum standards for graduation from all grades, especially for high school diplomas, and using teachers to instruct in their majors or minors, but not in fields in which they are relatively uninformed.

He also urged an acceptable moral code to be posted in classrooms to help as a guide in enforcing traditional discipline, and stands for stimulating teachers to take advance studies in their teaching subject.

Ellis is a member of the Neighborhood Church and the Redondo Beach Masonic Lodge. He is on the board of the Riviera Home Owners Association, and worked with Boy Scouts. He is employed at Parker Aircraft Co. as chief process engineer.

### Doggie in Car Stolen in City Parking Lot

Theft of his 10-week-old puppy from his car in a municipal parking lot Saturday was the second time Richard Miller, of 2721 Clareben ave., has been the victim of thieves in the past two weeks.

Burglars broke into his home two weeks ago and stole money. Last Saturday, Miller took his family down town shopping and when he returned to the parking lot at Cabrillo and El Prado, his German shepherd "Venture," which he bought since the first burglary, was stolen.

Edwin S. Ryon II



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Strengthening the authority of principals and teachers will be among the campaign platform offered by Edwin S. Ryon, II, a teacher in the Palos Verdes School District.

The candidate, 49, of 815 Calle de Arboles, is the father of four children, two of them in Torrance high schools. His wife is also a teacher.

Before entering the teaching profession, the SC graduate was physical director of the Pittsburgh Y and worked as a salesman. He is a World War II navy veteran. He is now working for his administration degree.

Ryon says he is for re-examination of the philosophy and goals of the school district, re-appraisal of the curriculum, higher teacher salaries to attract and keep the best teachers.

"One of my principal beliefs is that the teachers need a member of the school board who both knows and understands their problems," Ryon said.

He stressed that he is running as an independent candidate.

Cecil Sampson



CECIL SAMPSON

Cecil Sampson, 44, a teacher in the Los Angeles City School District, is one of two teacher candidates for the Board of Education.

He feels that his experience as a teacher will qualify him to better understand problems of a school district.

Born in New York City, Sampson was graduated from Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles and received his college degree from SC followed by graduate work at Long Beach State College.

He is the father of two children and has resided at 4210 Carmen st. for a little over a year.

He served as a corporal in the medical corps during World War II.

Sampson is on the board of the Southwood Home Owners Association and a member of the Torrance Cooperative Council.

John M. Merriell



JOHN M. MERRIELL

Emphasis on raising scholastic standards in the schools is the platform of John M. Merriell, 35, who is seeking election to the Board of Education.

The resident of 5018 Reese Road, has lived in Torrance for a little over a year and is employed by Northrop Aircraft, Inc. as an electrical design engineer.

"The purpose of my candidacy is to bring better representation of the people of Torrance to the Board of Education and to help bring about emphasis on raising scholastic standards in the schools," he said.

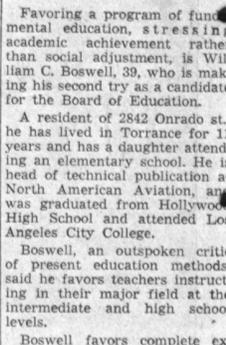
Merriell is the father of three children, two of them of school age. He was educated in East Cleveland, Ohio, and received his degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

### EQUAL JOB PROCLAMATION

Mayor Albert Isen has issued an "Equal Job Opportunity Week" proclamation in observance of a national campaign slated May 11 to 17.

During 1957, there were 1300 fewer highway traffic fatalities than in the previous year.

Wm. C. Boswell



Favoring a program of fundamental education, stressing academic achievement rather than social adjustment, is William C. Boswell, 39, who is making his second try as a candidate for the Board of Education.

A resident of 2842 Onrado st., he has lived in Torrance for 11 years and has a daughter attending an elementary school. He is head of technical publication at North American Aviation, and was graduated from Hollywood High School and attended Los Angeles City College.

Boswell, an outspoken critic of present education methods, said he favors teachers instructing in their major field at the intermediate and high school levels.

Boswell favors complete elimination of curriculum to eliminate playtime electives, introduction of standards of achievement, expansion of the vocational arts program, replacement of present report cards, foreign languages at intermediate level, physical education at the intermediate level, reduction of teacher turn-over, concentrating on the humanities as well as science and math.

"The record proves that our 'rubber stamp' board has played along with a 'dizzy' experiment in which your child and mine are the guinea pigs. We must choose between the system of wet-nursing which has been perpetrated upon the people of Torrance for the past years, and a thorough going fundamental program," he said.

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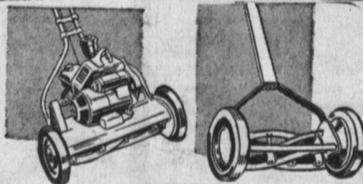
### Sisterhood Will Honor Mothers

Mothers had their day last Sunday but they will again be in the limelight Friday night at Temple Menorah, 122 N. Catalina, Redondo Beach, when Sisterhood members conduct a religious service at 8:30 p.m. Delivering the sermon in place of Rabbi Henri Front, will be Mrs. Arnold Cowan. Mrs. Anna Grancell will bless the candles and portions of the service will be read from the pulpit by the following members of the sisterhood, Mmes. Henri Front, Mark Bennett, Gene Krautman, Matthew Ellenhorn, Harvey Cole,

Morris Rothstein, Emmanuel Barkin. Hostesses will include Mrs. Rose Smith and Mrs. Bernard Rivo and chairman for the religious service is Mrs. Henry Rappaport.

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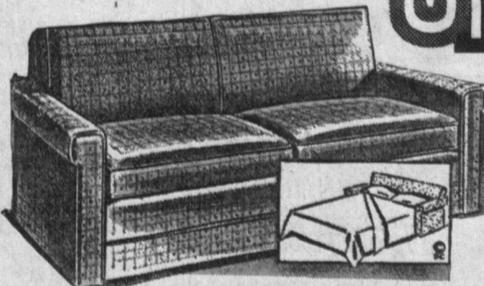
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